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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 December 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 21 December 2000 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. This Action is in response to Application Number 09/742720 received on 21 December 2000.
2. Claims 1-16 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15, and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kapoor et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,682,534) hereinafter referred to by Kapoor.

3. Regarding claims 1 and 9, Kapoor discloses a system of interprocess communications between a client and a server, comprising:

a server having server data and a server Interprocess Communications Facility associated therewith, said server being configured for communicating with one or more clients having client data and a client Interprocess Communications Facility associated therewith (Kapoor, col. 2, lines 35-45, col. 4, lines 25-40, col. 5, lines 10-15, Kapoor teaches clients and servers configured for communicating with one or more clients or servers having data and using interprocess communication);

said server Interprocess Communications Facility and said client Interprocess Communications Facility being configured for forming a connection between said server Interprocess Communications Facility and said client Interprocess Communications Facility for delivering said server data and receiving said client data (Kapoor, col. 3, lines 15-20, Kapoor teaches establishing an interprocess communication path between clients and servers),

said connection having connection oriented protocol operatively associated therewith (col. 3, lines 15-17);

said server being programmed for detecting if said client is local or remote (Kapoor, col. 5, lines 10-15, col. 3, lines 10-20, Kapoor teaches that clients act as servers and servers act as clients and detection is made if client is local or remote);

said client being configured for detecting if said server is local or remote (Kapoor, col. 5, lines 10-15, col. 3, lines 10-20, Kapoor teaches that clients act as servers and servers act as clients and detection is made if server is local or remote);

said server being further configured to setting pointers to said client Interprocess Communications Facility if said client is local (Kapoor, col. 3, lines 14-17, Kapoor teaches setting vectors); and

said pointers being configured to form a connection between said server Interprocess Communications Facility and said client Interprocess Communications Facility for data exchange between said client and said server for bypassing said connection oriented protocol Kapoor, col. 3, lines 14-17, Kapoor teaches vectors

including at least one binding handle having a protocol sequence that establishes an interprocess communication path between server and client processes); and

transferring data between said client and server (Kapoor, col. 3, lines 18-21, Kapoor teaches using the new communication path to transfer data).

4. Regarding claims 2 and 10, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claims 1 and 9, including said server and said client being further configured for setting said pointers to null (Kapoor, cols 21-22, lines 20-25 and 33-37).

5. Regarding claims 3, 11, and 13, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claims 1 and 9, including wherein said server is further configured for detecting errors in data transfer/connection (Kapoor, col. 12, lines 8-15); setting said pointers to null if errors are detected (Kapoor, cols 21-22 lines 15-40), and setting a conventional Interprocess Communications Facility connection using connection oriented protocol (Kapoor, col. 3, lines 48-53).

Regarding claim 4, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claim 1, including wherein said connection oriented protocol is Transmission Control Protocol/Internet Protocol (TCP/IP) (Kapoor, col. 3, lines 48-53, Kapoor teaches a connection-oriented protocol "ncacn_ip_tcp").

6. Regarding claim 6, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claim 1, including wherein said Interprocess Communications Facility is a socket (Fig. 2B).

7. Regarding claim 8, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claim 1, including verifying that said client and said server are prepared to set said pointers directly between said client and said server Interprocess Communications Facilities prior to setting said pointers; and when either said client or said server are not prepared to set said pointers directly between said client and said server Interprocess Communications Facilities, setting said pointers to null (Kapoor, col. 21, line 25 through col. 23, line 12); and transferring data between said client and said server via a conventional connection oriented protocol connection (Kapoor, col. 3, lines 48-53).

8. Regarding claims 15 and 16, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claim 9, including wherein said server/client is further configured to verify that said client is prepared to transmit data via said pointers set directly between said client and said server Interprocess Communications Facilities (Kapoor, col. 5, lines 10-15, and col. 21 line 25 through col. 23, line 11, Kapoor teaches checking for endpoints and if not given, creating one.).

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 5, 7, 12, and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kapoor in view of Lam et al. (U.S. Patent Number 5,926,636) hereinafter referred to by Lam.

9. Regarding claims 5 and 14, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claims 1 and 9. However, Kapoor does disclose wherein said Interprocess Communications Facility is a Transport Layer Interface (TLI).

In an analogous art of interprocess communication, Lam teaches a remote procedure call component management method that supports operations over a plurality of transport stacks that support TCP/IP.

Therefore it would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Kapoor with Lam to enable remote procedural calls to work properly in an environment with mixed versions of remote and local programming interfaces (Lam, col. 4, lines 35-40).

10. Regarding claims 7 and 12, Kapoor teaches all of the limitations, substantially as claimed, as described in claims 1 and 9, except wherein said server is further

configured to determine if said server and said client Interprocess Communications Facilities are compatible; and if said server and said client Interprocess Communications Facilities are not compatible, transferring data between said client and said server through a conventional connection oriented protocol connection.

In an analogous art of interprocess communication, Lam teaches a remote procedure call component management method that determines if server and client formats are compatible (Lam, col. 6, lines 13-15) and if they are not compatible, converting the message to a compatible format (Lam, col. 6, lines 15-20).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one in the ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to combine Kapoor with Lam to enable remote procedural calls to work properly in an environment with mixed versions of remote and local programming interfaces (Lam, col. 4, lines 35-40).

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to J. Bret Dennison whose telephone number is (703)305-8756. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 8:30am-5pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David A Wiley can be reached on (703)308-5221. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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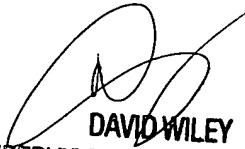
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